for a house for the *cinq cens* makes the approach from and to the south very awkward and twisting.

My banker tells me I am looked upon to be a more confidential man of Mr. Pitt's than Lord M. himself; quite his *dme damnee*. *I* think if they are not more cunning in other things than in this guess, *on en aura bon marche.* Is it not laughable ?

Truguet's answer to my application for an audience came to me enclosed in a bit of brown paper. He appointed me to be with him at three o'clock to-day.[1] I was introduced to him by M. Coltrone, *chef de la troisieme division.* He is a smart young beau, very polite and chatty; but upon my bringing Sir Sidney Smith upon the *tapis,* he bounced up in a violent passion, said he had not understood that I was to have any-thing to say in that business and expressed an idea that it could not be settled till the *cartel* was fixed.

I had a good deal of talk with him after that explosion, and when calmer, he assured me everything would be done that I could wish. I am to make an official request for

leave to visit

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